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REMARKS

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1. Flak Kaserne, Weimar (M 51/J 52):

a. Between 8 and 24 March 1950 still occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with crossed-gun-barrel insignia.

b. About 250 to 280 troops held rifle drill, marching exercises and aiming practice on 14 March 1950. About 40 troops were trained with two 76.2-mm AA guns and a range finder in the afternoon of the same day.

c. About 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts left the barracks with three 76.2-mm guns on 24 March 1950. Six sections with 76.2-mm guns and one section with one 88-mm gun (on gun mount) were observed at aiming practice in the barracks yard.

d. Prime mover left the barracks. It was occupied by one officer and 12 EM.

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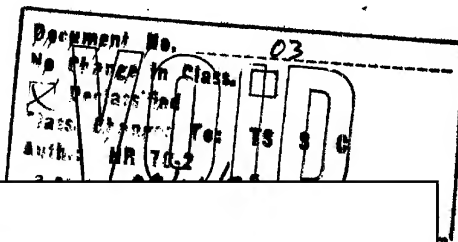
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2. Tannenberg Kaserne

a. Section I:

(1) A roll call involving 800 to 1,000 troops was observed on 17 March 1950. As no new troops were observed

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to have moved into the barracks, source believes he was mistaken in his previous estimate of 500 to 600 troops.

(2) About 100 troops were seen at basic infantry training in the adjoining area on 17 March 1950.

(3) Groups totaling 250 to 300 troops were scattered over the training area on 21 March 1950. All soldiers observed wore black-bordered red epaulets. Many troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were seen at the target ranges.

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b. Section II:

Occupied by a unit estimated at 800 troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

c. Section III:

Occupied by Volkspolizei.

3. Luetzendorf Kaserne:

a. Section I:

(1) Still occupied by a unit of about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with crossed-gun-barrel insignia.

(2) Four 12-man sections held aiming practice with four guns on mounts on 20 March 1950. Prime movers [REDACTED] each towing a gun and occupied by 15 to 20 soldiers, left the barracks.

(3) About 120 troops fell in in the barracks yard on 24 March 1950. About 140 troops were observed at rifle drill in the afternoon.

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Several prime movers were parked at the garages. [REDACTED]

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(4) Passenger car [REDACTED] occupied by three high-ranking officers and driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, coming from the direction of the town, moved into the barracks area and stopped at the gate on 24 March 1950. The officers were received by another group of officers.

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b. Section II:

Still occupied by about 400 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. [REDACTED]

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c. Section III:

A hospital where troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were seen. Some of the buildings in that section were still occupied by Soviet dependents. [REDACTED]

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d. Ration Supply Depot:

Identified as belonging to the cooperative stores. It is run by a Soviet officer and stocks foodstuffs from the German economy which are later shipped to Soviet ration issuing points. [REDACTED]

4. Mueller Kaserne:

a. Occupied by about 600 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia. Radio truck [REDACTED] with extended rod antenna was seen in the barracks area. A charging unit and radio truck [REDACTED] (without antenna) were observed nearby.

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b. On 17 March 1950 a telephone line was constructed near Webicht by 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets.

c. Forty troops carrying wire reels left the barracks toward Webicht on 21 March 1950. Radio truck [REDACTED] with extended antenna, was seen in the area of Webicht in the afternoon of the same day. About 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets rested near the radio truck.

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d. [REDACTED]

e. The motor vehicles of the high unit headquarters in Weimer were stored in the garages of the barracks. [REDACTED]

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